THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Although there are some uncorroborated reports to indicate that Afghan Mujahideens are being deployed across Jammu and Kashmir border for infiltration at the instance of Pak agencies, there has been no actual detection of any Afghan Mujahideen in the Valley.

(c) Deployment of Security Forces alongwith the border has been strengthened. Patrolling and intellgence operations have been intensified.

Protection of Govemment Employees Working in Terrorist Prone-Areas

71. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to evolve a scheme to protect Government employees against dangers involved in their working in terrorist-prone areas ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implement ed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Protection of Government Employees is a part of Government's responsibility for protection of all citizens, including the Government Employees. Special measures are taken as and when certain Government Employees or class of Government Employees come under increased threat from terrorists. Because the nature and intensity of this threat varies over time and from one place to another, it is not practicable to formulate a general scheme for all Government Employees.

Meeting of Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh with Home Minister

72. SHRI NYODEK. YONGGAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleas ed to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh alongwith his cabinet colleagues has called on the Home Minister recently in New Delhi to apprise the refugee issues ; Assam-Arunachal Pra desh boundary problem and other impor tant matters ; and

(b) if so, what are the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) None of the points, raised in the meeting with the Home Mnister is new and practically, these points have already been under discussion/correspondence with the State Govt.

Conservation of Petroleum Products

73. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what new initiatives Government have taken to promote conservation of petroleum products in various sectors;

(b) (i) whether the Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) achieved any results/technology towards re-refining of used oils (ii) fuel-efficient liquid petroleum gas/gas stoves and (iii) inter-fuel substitution by replacement of liquid petroleum fuels etc ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

dt) whether Government are satisfied with the results so achieved so far by Petroleum Conservation Research Association and also observance of "Oil Conservation Weeks", if so, what expenditure was incurred thereon during 1991-92 as compared to the amount of savings "in fuel and less consumption programme"^contemplated by' Government-in oil sector during this period 7

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The new initiatives include (i) inter-fuel substitution in transport sector; (ii) production of high grade lubricants; (iii) use of synthetic thickners for textile pigment printing; and (iv) Coverage of new or inadequately covered areas of oil conservation efforts.

(b) and (c) (i) The PCRA has been promoting increased re-refining of used oil. (ii) The R&D efforts have resulted in increasing the thermal efficiency of kerosene wick stoves and LPG stoves, (iii) The efforts for inter-fuel substitution are being coordinated in the Ministry.

(d) The efforts made by or through PCRA helped in saving petroleum products estimated at about Rs. 495 crores during the Seventh Plan period inspite of various constraints. The anual recurring saving in 1991-92 on this account was of the order of Rs. 262 crores. During the Oil Conservation Week observed in February, 1992, the PCRA incurred a toal expenditure of Rs. 42 lakhs'. The efforts of the PCRA, which were supplemented by the oil companies and various other organisations, during the Oil Conservation Week were mainly aimed at the broadening of the base of mass awareness. The impact of such efforts need to be viewed in the context of the overall results including saving referred to above.

Utilisation of Natural Gas

74. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment has been made to find out the quantum of natural gas available in Tanjore district of Tamil Nadu which can be utilised for industrial purposes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any proposal has been submitted to Government for utilising the aatural gas found in this,area for industrial purposes and if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Geoscientific surveys and exploratory drilling have been carried out in the area but no commercial discovery has been made so far.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Grassroot Refinery

75. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has submitted a proposal to set up a six million tonne grassroot refinery and if so, what are the details thereof ;

(b) whether the Corporation has given detailed proposals to raise funds for this project on its own and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to direct the Corporation to implement this project along with a foreign private part ner and if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) M/s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) have submitted a proposal for setting up a 6 million tonnes per annum (MMTPA) grassroot refinery in Central India. A site selection committee has been constituted to identify the suitable location for this refinery. This refinery will be set up as a joint venture between BPCL and suitable private sector company, in order to attract the required resources including foreign exchange for the project.

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76. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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